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## Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 2, please replace the first paragraph with the following:

The present invention relates to a composition that is useful in the systemic treatment of various virus infections. More specifically, the present invention relates to a systemic antiviral treatment using a mixture of components that are derived from jojoba oil and hydrogenated jojoba oil. The method of preparation is either by treating jojoba oil with a short chain alcohol in the presence of a catalyst or by reacting jojoba oil with strong aqueous alkali. [that result from the interesterification of polyunsaturated jojoba oil with saturated jojoba oil.] Methods of preventing or treating viral infections, treating skin or membrane inflammation using such compositions are also disclosed.

## **REMARKS**

Respectfully submitted,

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